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A recent survey conducted by BIO confirms the increasing reliance on R&D outsourcing within the industry. Biotech and pharmaceutical companies indicate that speed, flexibility, and access to specialized resources drive pipeline strategies and decisions. **Every company surveyed plans on maintaining or increasing their contract service budget over the coming year.** BIO BizLink, BIO's peer-rated, CRO/CMO relationship platform, is addressing industry needs by providing solutions to common outsourcing difficulties.

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Paul,

Trying to do some fact checking here ...

According to Platts and Reuters who are both at the NEC

Chris Grundler said:

The US Environmental Protection Agency plans to base its 2014 Renewable Fuel Standard on actual biofuels production, an agency official said Thursday at an ethanol conference, reiterating its pledge to issue the 2014, 2015 and 2016 mandates this spring.

The 2015 standard will be based on actual biofuels production to date and a projection of fuel demand and production through the rest of the year, said Chris Grundler, director of the EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

<http://www.platts.com/latest-news/agriculture/dallas/us-epa-to-base-2014-rfs-on-actual-output-blend-21016342>

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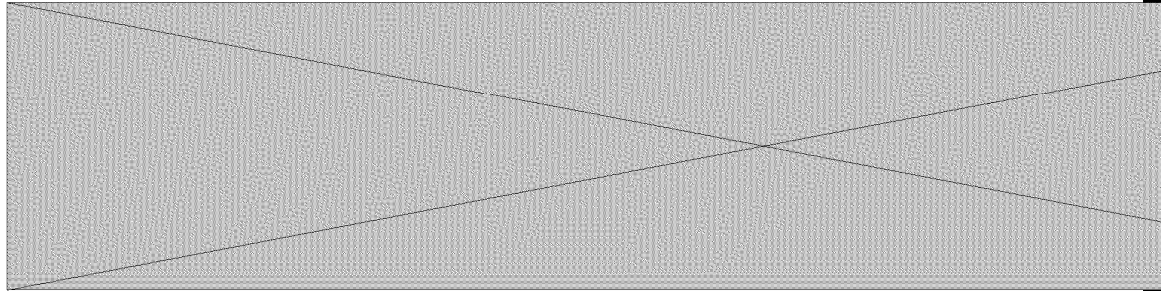
Does that mean the Biomass-based Diesel number for 2014 will be set at 1.75 billion gallons?

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Biofuels

Domestic Fuel (January 21, 2015) [FAO's Chief Comments on Biofuels Welcomed by GRFA](#)
Comments by a key United Nations agency chief that biofuels should be part of the energy mix is being welcomed by renewable fuel advocates. Food and Agriculture Organization Director-General Jose Graziano da Silva told attendees at the recent Global Forum for Food and Agriculture in Berlin that biofuels should be seen as a key part of the global agriculture complex, remarks welcomed by Global Renewable Fuels Alliance (GRFA). (Also see in [FAO News](#)).

Greenwire (January 20, 2014) [Federal Mandate Delay Doesn't Hinder Industry](#)
The biofuel industry is still going strong despite the delay of a federal mandate requiring ethanol and biodiesel to be part of the nation's fuel supply, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said yesterday. Speaking with the editorial board of the Des Moines Register, Vilsack said he has high hopes for the future of renewable fuels and noted the United States had record ethanol production last year. He also cited the developing export, military and aviation markets, as well as increasing interest in building advanced biofuel plants, as reasons to be optimistic about the industry. ([Des Moines Register](#))

Domestic Fuel (January 13, 2014)
[Ag Secretary Stresses Biofuels Support at AFBF](#)

Real farmers from around the country had a chance to ask Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack questions during an informal town hall-style meeting at the [American Farm Bureau](#) convention this week in San Diego. The last question he took was from a South Dakota who asked about continuation of strong biofuels policy in the United States. Vilsack detailed his continued support for the industry, particularly in the area of exports. "I am a firm believer in the future of the biofuels industry," he said. "Ethanol production is at record levels...we're now beginning to see great interest in the export market, not just for ethanol but also for dried distillers grains." Listen to the secretary's comments on biofuels here...

The Washington Post (January 7, 2014) [The 4 Smarter Things Congress Could be Doing Than Voting on Keystone Again](#)

But when Congress focuses on symbols rather than substance, everybody loses. The truth is that building Keystone is not economically essential to the U.S. (sorry Republicans), but stopping it is also not, in the view of many scientists, going to do a ton to save the climate (sorry greens). Either way, the last thing America actually needs is another Keystone debate. But there are really helpful things Congress could be doing instead to protect the environment and boost the economy. Here are four of them....Pass a national carbon tax. By passing a carbon tax, we could not only avoid the fight over the regulations...Fix the mess you created with the ethanol mandate. The so-called Renewable Fuel Standard, created by the 2005 Energy Policy Act and expanded in 2007, is a mess.

ClimateWire (January 5, 2015) [Changes Afoot for Low-Carbon Fuel Standard](#)

California is considering an array of changes to its pioneering carbon standard for transportation fuels. The California Air Resources Board (ARB) released an updated [version](#) of its low-carbon fuel standard (LCFS) Tuesday that envisions extending the policy through 2030 and would also ease the current annual carbon reduction targets for fuel suppliers.

Biofuels Digest (January 11, 2015)

[The 5 Most Maddening Myths About Corn and Ethanol](#)

Food vs Fuel, emissions, cost competitiveness, and RINsanity. Some of the most unfair bricks hurled at corn starch-based ethanol — and here's why. Let's today look at the 5 most persistent myths....Myth#1. Uncompetitive on Costs, Myth#2. They're Heavily Subsidized, Myth #3. Spiking RIN prices will spike the cost of gasoline, Myth #4. Food vs fuel and Myth #5. Corn starch ethanol creates more net carbon emissions than gasoline.

Scientific American (January 9, 2014) [How to Manipulate Plants to Build a Better](#)

[Biofuel](#) A recent study is bringing scientists a step closer to determining how plants regulate their cell wall thickness and strength, an advance that could make biofuel production more efficient. Two groups of researchers at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and the University of California, Davis, have found the gene regulatory networks that are responsible for the synthesis of the secondary cell wall components, cellulose, hemicellulose and lignin in the model plant *Arabidopsis thaliana*.

Biobased Products, Renewable Specialty Chemicals, and Synthetic Biology

Packaging Europe (January 21, 2015) [Matrica: The Success of Green Chemistry](#)

Born in June 2011 as a 50/50 joint venture between Novamont and Versalis (ENI), Matrica managed the successful project of the reversion of the petrochemical plant of Porto Torres (Sardinia) into a green chemistry plant. Leveraging Novamont's knowledge in biotech and green chemistry and Versalis' engineering know how for the industrialisation process, Matrica identified local sustainable production of oleaginous products crops, created a research centre and started its production of bio-based products. Catia Bastioli explains that Matrica continues on the line of the Novamont's research. She states: "Our main objective at the beginning was to use low impact crops available in the local areas in order to respect biodiversity, to use marginal areas without wasting large volumes of water, to reuse deindustrialised sites and integrate a range of technologies into the bioplastics chain. In the bioeconomy we have to think not only about bio-based products but about systems and about territorial regeneration and so the way a product can face societal challenge."

The Washington Times (January 21, 2015) [Study: DNA Trick Cripples Bacteria That Escape Confinement](#)

Researchers said they have developed a method that could be used to contain biotech organisms and prevent their modified DNA from spreading in non-modified populations. The method involves redesigning the DNA of a biotech E.coli bacteria strain so that a synthetic amino acid must be present for it to survive. "This work establishes important safeguards for organisms in agricultural settings, and more broadly, for their use in environmental bioremediation and even in medical therapies," said researcher Farren Isaacs of Yale University.

The Link (January 13, 2015) [The Germs of Growth: Montreal's Promising Biotech Startups](#)

Montreal is brimming with academic activity and the innovation centres popping up around the city are a fertile ground for biotech research...Two biotech companies have been collaborating with Concordia's District 3 innovation centre: Hyasynth Bio, a biotech company aiming to develop engineered yeast that can produce synthetic cannabinoids like tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and Cannabidiol (CBD); and BiogeniQ, an award-winning health management company that uses genetic information, family and clinical history to help its clients. "Synthetic biology isn't just a new or better set of genetic engineering techniques. It also refers to the social and economic aspects of life that are changed by those techniques," Hyasynth CEO Sarah Choukah told the Link.

The Guardian (January 12, 2015)

[What are the risks of DIY Synthetic Biology? Science Weekly Podcast](#)

Last week an [editorial](#) in the journal Science raised important questions about the safety of synthetic biology. In particular, it asked whether we can ensure safe practices in the more shady research arenas, such as the DIY synthetic biology movements.

ClimateWire (January 7, 2014) [American Petroleum Institute Share Spotlight with Renewables in its Annual Report](#)

The most noteworthy message from the American Petroleum Institute's 2015 annual report isn't its finding that the U.S. oil industry is experiencing a "petroleum renaissance" born of a drilling boom in domestic fields such as the North Dakota's Bakken and Texas' Eagle Ford shale formations...An unexpected appearance in API's latest "State of American Energy" [report](#) was API's gift of space to alternative and traditionally competing energy sources such as nuclear, solar, wind, hydro, biomass and geothermal energy, all of which have positioned themselves as environmentally preferred alternatives to carbon-intensive fossil fuels like oil, gas and coal.

Wired (January 7, 2015) [To Save Our Ecosystems, Will We Have to Design Synthetic](#)

Ginsberg's project is an attempt to temper the blind utopianism that sometimes accompanies technological advancements. "I'm just reporting on the often exaggerated promise that synthetic biology can help solve all our problems," she says...The four organisms Ginsberg designed for the project can be easily mistaken as poster creatures for a rosy, synthetically-enabled future. But a closer look offers a different commentary. The descriptions of Ginsberg's artificial organisms read like tech specs on the back of a plastic box (the result of modeling the organisms after technology patents like the iPod). It's a discomfiting reminder that scientific advances often come with political, social and commercial complications.

The Conversation (January 5, 2015) [Why Bacteria Could be the Answer to a Future without Oil](#)

...This is why new advanced methods for industrial biotechnology are so important, they are enabling the use of engineered bacterial cells, rather than petroleum, in developing chemicals to be used in these products. Importantly, the bacteria can be grown on a range of cheap and renewable resources, even various kinds of farmland waste. However, in order to use bacteria effectively – and in a manner which can be scaled up by industry – we need to know a lot more about bacterial cell biology. Only by investigating the machinery and processes at the heart of cells can we learn how to use them to develop organic chemicals in a manner that was previously unfeasible for industry.

Industrial Biotechnology (December 16, 2014) Biobased Chemicals and Bioplastics: Finding the Right Policy Balance

At the heart of the OECD publication, The Bioeconomy to 2030: Designing a Policy Agenda, is the need to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in particular the need for drastic reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions...Since publication of the report, several countries and regions have responded with bioeconomy strategies, among them Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United States, the European Union, and South Africa....The policy backdrop over the last few years, however, has been dominated by a near-global expansion of support instruments for biofuels, and now also for bioenergy applications. These support mechanisms, in most cases, are not open to biobased materials. This has been much discussed at many events (e.g., Friends of Europe, 2012). Several reasons have been proposed for a rebalancing of policy supports, including the following.

Industrial and Environmental Section Member News

Bloomberg (January 21, 2015) Green Biologics Raises \$76 Million to Make Renewable Chemicals

Green Biologics Ltd., a U.K.-based company that makes chemicals from agricultural waste and sugar cane, raised \$76 million to expand production, including converting a Minnesota ethanol plant to make butanol and acetone. Green Biologics is receiving \$42 million in equity, led by Swire Pacific Ltd. and Sofinnova Partners, and \$34 million in debt financing led by Tennenbaum Capital Partners, the Oxfordshire-based company said Wednesday in a statement. Green Biologics had raised about \$25 million in equity in December 2013.

Domestic Fuel (January 21, 2015) President Touts Domestic Energy in SOTU

Responding to the president's address, Novozymes Americas President Adam Monroe said they are excited to see President Obama focusing on climate change and said that the United States "has an opportunity to lead the world in reducing atmospheric carbon by investing in science." "The United States also has a chance to be the world leader in alternative fuels," said Monroe. "The Renewable Fuel Standard has been successful in moving our cars and trucks away from fossil fuels. If President Obama wants to reduce emissions today he should put this policy back on track and support cleaner, domestic biofuels."

NASDAQ (January 20, 2015) Amyris to Enter the Industrial Cleaning Products Market

Amyris, Inc. announced today it plans to launch its first industrial cleaning products containing Amyris's Myralene™ renewable solvents through U.S. AutoForce and U.S. Lubricants, divisions of U.S. Venture, Inc. This planned partnership will enable Amyris's high performance renewable industrial cleaning products to gain visibility and access to over 35,000 automotive aftermarket and industrial outlets served by U.S. Venture divisions.

Food Navigator (January 19, 2015) Evolva and Cargill Partner on New Fermentation-Derived Ingredients Project

Swiss firm Evolva Holding and Cargill have signed an agreement to co-develop a "sustainable, customisable, and cost-effective fermentation production process" to produce new food and beverage ingredients.

Biofuels Digest (January 12, 2014) [Eight Under \\$70: which biofuels ventures can beat out cheap oil?](#)

Oil prices continue to show incredible volatility. \$106 in June, \$50 today. Which biofuels ventures have the pro-formas to make money in a tough market? The Digest investigates...Avello Bioenergy, Cool Planet, Ensyn, Fulcrum Bioenergy, Joule Fuels, Licella, Mercurious, Renmatix, Biofuels, Velocys

CNN Money (January 12, 2015) [Gevo Launches Sales of Renewable Isobutanol to Brenntag Canada](#)

Gevo, Inc., the world's only commercial producer of renewable isobutanol, announced it has launched sales of renewable isobutanol to Brenntag Canada Inc. (Brenntag Canada), a member of the Brenntag group companies for distribution into the solvents, oil & gas, mining and specialty chemicals markets. The initial market entry is focused on Canada. Brenntag Canada has purchased truckload quantities of isobutanol from Gevo for distribution to targeted customers.

Greenwire (January 5, 2015) [EPA Tentatively OKs Biomass Sorghum to be Included in RFS](#)

...In a Federal Register notice Dec. 31, the agency said that its analysis of lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions from biomass sorghum biofuels shows that they could be eligible for the highest tier in the RFS. Biomass sorghum biofuels would likely reduce GHG emissions by at least 60 percent compared to a gasoline baseline, the standard for qualification as a cellulosic biofuel, EPA said....Approval by EPA is generally seen as a catalyst for next-generation biofuels because it creates market demand. In late 2012, EPA approved grain sorghum -- the type that is fed to animals as livestock feed -- as a feedstock for conventional ethanol. But the agency has not yet made a decision on a 2012 petition from the National Sorghum Producers on biofuels produced from biomass sorghum. A few companies in the United States, including Ceres Inc. and NexSteppe, are developing varieties of high-biomass sorghum with the goal of producing a feedstock for biofuels production.

PlasticsNews (January 5, 2014) [DSM Sells European Composites Distribution Unit Euroresins](#)

Royal DSM NV is selling its Euroresins unit, which distributes composite resins, to United Kingdom-based Cathay Investments, a holding company with businesses in composites, chemical distribution and trading. DSM said the divestment is part of a series of "strategic actions" it is taking in its composites resins unit, which has factories in China, France, Italy and the Netherlands, and generated 250 million euros (\$300 million) in sales in the first nine months of the year.

Industry Events Calendar

6th Annual Next Generation Bio-Based & Sustainable Chemicals Summit- February 3-5, 2015, New Orleans

The Summit will provide attendees with unparalleled networking opportunities and access to the InformEx trade show and attendees. The two events will come together in order to accelerate interactions between Bio-Based, Specialty, Sustainable and Custom Chemical industry executives with Brand Owners, Chemical Majors, Feedstock Providers, Financiers, Venture Capitalists, OEMs and Retailers from around the world.
infocastinc.com

APPA-E Energy Innovation Summit- February 9-11, 2015- Washington, DC

THE ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit brings together the very best minds in business, academia, and government to advance cutting-edge technologies that could fundamentally change the way we generate, use and store energy.
arpa-e-summit.com

Advanced Bioeconomy Leadership Summit Conference (ABLC)- March 11-13, 2015- Washington, DC

ABLC has become of the the largest gatherings of Advanced Biofuels and Renewable Chemicals operating company CEOs and senior executives, strategic partners, financiers, equity analysts, policy makers and industry suppliers.
advancedbiofuelssummit.com

International Conference on Bio-based Materials- April 8-10, 2015- Cologne

This conference aims to provide major players from the European and Asian bio-based chemicals, plastics and composite industries with and opportunity to present and discuss their latest developments and strategies.
biowerkstoff-kongress.de

BIO World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology- July 19-22, 2015- Montreal

The BIO World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology is the world's largest industrial biotechnology event for business leaders, investors, and policy makers in biofuels, biobased products, and renewable chemicals. The call for papers is now open until January 15- submit your abstract now!
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BioFuelNet Advanced Biofuels Symposium (ABS)- July 22-24, 2015- Montreal

BioFuelNet will host the Advanced Biofuels Symposium (ABS) in downtown Montreal at the Hotel Omni. The ABS brings together multi-disciplinary experts in the energy field, including stakeholders in academia, industry and government, to celebrate sustainable innovation and to discuss the future of the advanced biofuels industry.
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The International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications released its report today on the current global plantings of GM Crops. According to the report, the United States continued as the lead country with 73.1 million hectares, a year-to-year increase of 4 percent, equal to 3 million hectares...

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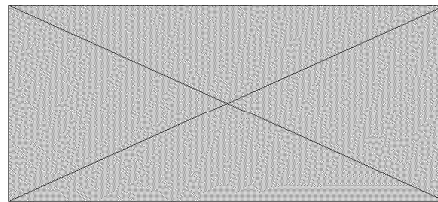
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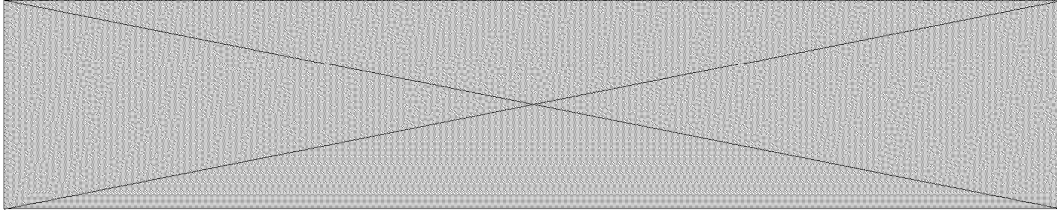
Thank you again for coming to our conference this week. I also appreciate our one-on-one discussions and look forward to following up with you soon for a possible meeting in March. As you recall, I requested that you take a look at the video of my speech when you get a chance. (link below) I toiled over it mightily. I felt our members needed a strong speech that was a fierce defense of our industry but also adding appeals for conciliation, all while giving some inspiration. I also carefully worded it to not criticize EPA. Much of the speech is designed as an appeal to the EPA to take notice of our track record of being responsible in our public statements compared to the track record of irresponsibility of some of the opponents of the RFS. So I gratefully accept your offer to provide feedback and let me know what you think. Thanks,

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BQ-9000 Biodiesel Fuel Quality Program Expands Its Reach to Retailers

New BQ-9000 Retailer Program Brings Further Quality Assurance to Consumers and Automakers

FORT WORTH – This week at the **2015 National Biodiesel Conference and Expo**, the National Biodiesel Board announced the addition of a major new component to its

BQ-9000 fuel quality program that will help to ensure the highest biodiesel fuel quality for consumers, all the way from the production plant to the retail fuel pump. The new BQ-9000 Retailer Program is the latest enhancement to the program that had previously provided quality certification for biodiesel producers, marketers, and testing laboratories.

The National Biodiesel Accreditation Program (NBAC), called **BQ-9000®**, is a cooperative and voluntary program for the accreditation of companies that produce, test, and supply biodiesel fuel. The program is a unique combination of the ASTM standard for biodiesel, ASTM D6751, and a rigorous quality systems program that includes storage, sampling, testing, blending, shipping, distribution, and fuel management practices. BQ-9000® is open to any biodiesel manufacturer, marketer or distributor and now retailer of biodiesel and biodiesel blends, as well as third party labs who test the fuel, in the United States and Canada.

Scott Fenwick, Technical Director for the National Biodiesel Board, stated, "The National Biodiesel Accreditation Commission is pleased to release this latest program in the efforts to promote quality assurance for the biodiesel industry. This Retail program for stores selling biodiesel and biodiesel blends to end users fills the gap on our quality management system. Previously, the program has provided quality management for Producers, Marketers, Blenders and independent Laboratories. This will now help to ensure fuel quality through the entire supply chain, down to the final consumer."

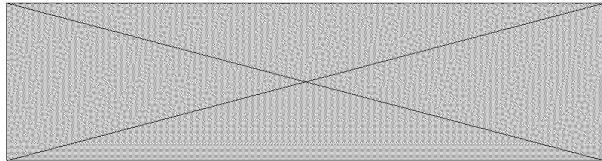
Fenwick continued, "Other than the current NBAC Commissioners, the group is pleased to have worked with several large fuel retailers across the country along with engine and automobile manufacturers to help ensure that this program will help meet the needs of the industry."

The newly announced BQ-9000 Retailer Program will now enter a 30-day comment period for National Biodiesel Board members and current BQ-9000 certified companies to review and provide comments for the betterment of the program, and then the final program will be officially released later in March for development within the industry.

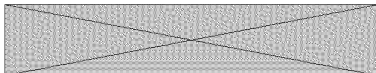
Currently there are 54 Biodiesel Producers, nearly 40 Marketers and 13 Laboratories certified under the robust BQ-9000 program, with more certifications in progress. As of the end of 2014, 92 percent of the biodiesel produced in the U.S. by National Biodiesel Board member companies came from a BQ-9000 Certified Producers.

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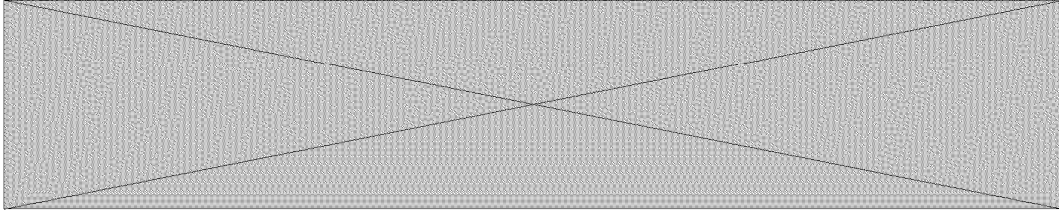


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January 22, 2015

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Top 10 quotes from 2015 National Biodiesel Conference

FORT WORTH – The [National Biodiesel Conference & Expo](#) came to a close today at the Fort Worth Convention Center, dispersing about 900 biodiesel supporters back to their home states and countries. Hosted by the [National Biodiesel Board](#), it is the world's premier biodiesel event. Here are this year's top 10 overheard quotes:

10. "I've never heard of a farmer planting a roadside bomb by his field to defend his crops."
– David May, of the Iowa Department of Transportation, who spoke in a session where military veterans discussed personal connections between energy security and national security. May is a Biodiesel Ambassador.

9. "Folks in the heating oil industry are pushing hard and fast for [Bioheat®](#) fuel. You are changing that world." – Tom Butcher, Brookhaven National Laboratory, has played an instrumental role in research leading to expected official performance specifications that approve 6-to-20 percent biodiesel blended into traditional heating oil. He made the comment as he accepted the NBB Innovation award.

8. "The rest of the world is looking to the people at this conference to lead future generations towards renewable energy." – Brian Hendrix, pursuing a master's degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was one of 30 [Next Generation Scientists for Biodiesel](#) attending the event. He and other students received a travel scholarship through NBB.

7. "Soy is grown for protein." – Beth Calabotta, a leading plant and biodiesel scientist, drove the point home during a myth busting session – busting the myth that soy is grown for biodiesel, when in reality the oil used to make biodiesel is a byproduct of protein.

6. "We have great people, and great innovation. Our charge is to go forward, and succeed, because we won't give up." – Steven J. Levy, NBB chairman, in his Day 2 opening address.

5. "As both a former governor and a Naval officer I can tell you energy security remains among biofuels' most important benefits." - Matt Blunt, former governor of Missouri, during his Day 2 keynote speech.

4. "This program is the last cog in biodiesel quality from well-to-wheel." – Scott Fenwick, NBB technical director, announcing the new Retailer addition to the BQ-9000 fuel quality program that will encourage retail stations to become accredited under the program.

3. "Washington's inability to live up to the Renewable Fuel Standard suggests to me that there is not a minimum threshold there for embarrassment." – Sen. Byron Dorgan (Ret.), on a federal policy panel, pulled no punches on Washington for leaving the biodiesel industry hanging in a perpetual state of limbo.

2. "2015 has to be the year we get back to the future of the RFS program and out of the uncertainty the past." – NBB CEO Joe Jobe, who received a standing ovation during his opening address. He said federal policy makers must see through the false attacks by renewable fuels opponents and provide certainty for this advanced biofuel industry.

1. "If you're in this room today, you're a survivor." – Gene Gebolys, CEO of leading biofuels provider World Energy, addressing attendees during a plenary panel of CEOs. He's been involved in the biodiesel business since the 1990s, experiencing firsthand the merry-go-round of the industry.

A common point of discussion was the industry's 1.75 billion gallon production in 2014, down slightly from the previous year. Organizers said conference attendance reflected the industry's challenging times. Yet industry and policy experts also expressed optimism that this year, America's Advanced Biofuel will regain stability and get back to growth.

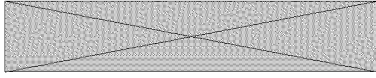
You can view photos, hear interviews and speeches on the conference [blog](#).

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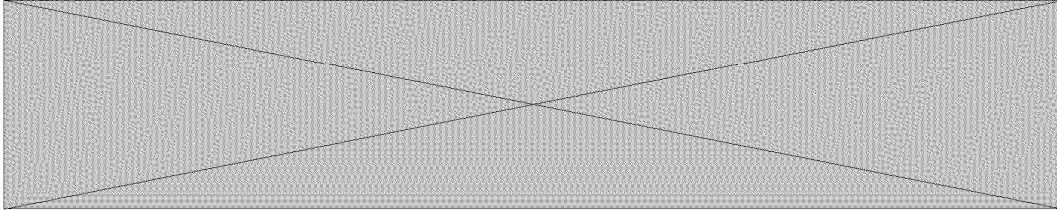


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Biodiesel Advocates to Fight for Renewable Fuels Policy in Washington, DC

Leaders at the National Biodiesel Conference in Fort Worth say grassroots action is needed to help deliver certainty to federal policies

FORT WORTH – Renewable fuels supporters cheered today as federal policy experts at the National Biodiesel Conference and Expo in Fort Worth urged advocates to “write their own script” for success.

Anne Steckel, National Biodiesel Board vice president of federal affairs, encouraged the biodiesel conference attendees to explain the importance of the advanced biofuel industry to the Obama Administration and Congress.

“We’re already writing our own script for 2015,” she said. “We do that by building our strengths, and redoubling our efforts across grassroots advocacy, coalition building, and public outreach – to make our case, loud, clear, and consistently.

“We do that by strengthening our collective voice – getting more members involved, and empowering you to advocate for yourselves – because we can’t do it without you,” she continued.

Steckel said a year of dysfunction and pessimism in Washington, DC, often felt like the industry was “stuck in a bad movie.”

“There was this manufactured suspense from the repeated delays in the RFS volumes, and every time we felt like the ending was coming, the directors threw in another unnecessary twist to string out the plot,” Steckel said. “And we still haven’t seen the credits roll.”

After the record year of nearly 1.8 billion gallons in 2013, the EPA initially proposed in November 2013 to hold the 2014 RFS biodiesel volume at 1.28 billion gallons. The agency subsequently withheld a final rule and has still not established 2014 volumes, even as it has signaled that it will improve the original proposal. The continued uncertainty throughout the year has left the industry in a state of limbo, although many biodiesel companies continued producing based on assurances from the Administration that RFS volumes would increase.

"It makes no sense, and unlike a weak Hollywood script, Washington's failure to act is creating serious damage in the real world," Steckel said.

Steckel was joined on stage by several former lawmakers whom have played important roles in advancing biodiesel and renewable fuels policy, including Sen. Byron Dorgan (SD), Rep. Kenny Hulshof (MO) and Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt.

Now President of the American Automotive Policy Council, Blunt harkened back to his time as a Naval officer to remind conference attendees of the important role biodiesel and other advanced biofuels play in U.S. national security. As he prepared for service, Blunt said, the first Gulf War erupted, with oil production a central issue of the conflict.

After the Iraq moved on Kuwait, the U.S. got involved, Blunt continued, because "our need for energy to support our economy and way of life clearly intersect with our foreign policy."

While acknowledging recent growth domestic oil production, Blunt said, increased drilling on American shores does not make the country immune to global oil market pressures.

"Energy security is not simply more oil. More U.S. oil does not change the fact that prices are set globally based on international factors that go far beyond simple supply and demand," Blunt explained.

"Political and economic instability in the Middle East, Russia, and China as well as controls in the supply by OPEC all impact the global price of oil. It does not change the fact that with only one fuel source, we have no options and instead remain subject to the highs and lows of the global market," he said.

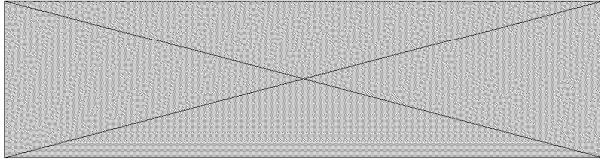
Steckel echoed Blunt's comments and stressed the importance of codifying biodiesel's many significant benefits into effective public policy.

"Strong biodiesel policy is something that the public supports, and that helps us as a nation achieve our collective goals for creating U.S. jobs, cleaning the air, and reducing our dangerous dependence on one global commodity – oil," she said..

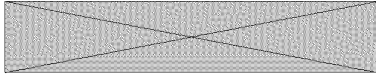
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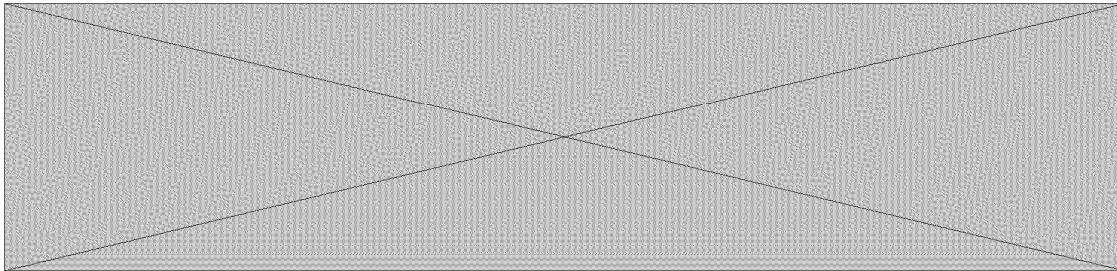


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Jan. 15, 2014

U.S. Biodiesel Slumps in 2014 Amid Policy Uncertainty

Market Drops From Record 2013 Output

WASHINGTON – The U.S. biodiesel market shrunk in 2014 amid policy uncertainty in Washington that destabilized the industry and caused many biodiesel plants to shut down or reduce production.

According to EPA data released Thursday, total U.S. biodiesel consumption fell to 1.75 billion gallons for the year, down slightly from nearly 1.8 billion gallons in 2013. The downturn came as the Obama Administration failed to finalize biodiesel volumes under the Renewable Fuel

Standard (RFS) and Congress allowed the biodiesel tax incentive to lapse at the beginning of 2014.

“These numbers reflect the consequences of policy inaction,” said Joe Jobe, CEO of the National Biodiesel Board (NBB), the industry trade association. “The drop in production represents lost jobs and economic activity. It represents a lost opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants. And it represents another year in which we fail to tackle our dangerous dependence on oil in the fuels sector.”

“The numbers would have been even lower had the EPA not signaled throughout the year that it will strengthen the RFS proposal and finalize it promptly,” Jobe said. “But companies can operate on faith for only so long. We have already seen many producers close their doors, and many others are struggling to stay open as we enter a New Year with continued uncertainty.”

“The most frustrating aspect is that this is completely unnecessary,” Jobe added. “This is an industry that should be growing, and that has proven it can expand with smart policies in place. Yet we have this paralysis in Washington. Biodiesel companies simply can’t plan for growth or hire new people with the kind of uncertainty we have now.”

Biodiesel – made from a variety of resources including recycled cooking oil, plant oils such as soybean oil, and animal fats – is the first EPA-designated Advanced Biofuel to reach commercial-scale production nationwide. According to the EPA, biodiesel reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 57 percent to 86 percent compared with petroleum diesel. With plants in nearly every state in the country, the industry supports some 60,000 jobs.

The EPA figures, which can be found [here](#), reflect U.S. consumption of Biomass-based Diesel, the vast majority of which is produced domestically.

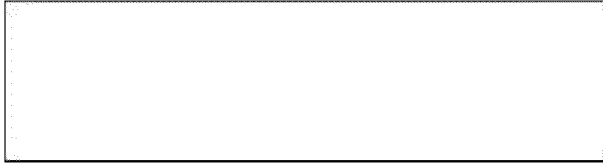
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Additionally, Congress once again allowed the \$1-per-gallon biodiesel tax incentive to expire on Jan. 1. It marks the fourth time in six years the incentive has been allowed to expire. Congress reinstated the incentive late last year, covering 2014 but not 2015.

“We are calling on the Obama Administration to get things back on track immediately by finalizing biodiesel RFS volumes that pave the way for stable growth in the coming years,” Jobe said. “Additionally, we are urging Congress to reinstate the biodiesel tax incentive now instead of procrastinating until the final days of the session.”

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Ok ... sounds good ...

We should grab dinner on Wednesday night ...

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Pretty Much. I think I'll be at the conference center by around 12:30ish on Wednesday. Staying overnight at the Sheraton. Leaving the next morning on a 10:30 flight, I believe.

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Subject: FYI

We are having an RVO working group meeting next Tuesday at the conference, if you are around...expect an invite. 3:15 central.

I will forward you the meeting invite if you are going to be in town.

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From: Bromer, Alexandra Magill (Perkins Coie)
Sent: Thur 1/8/2015 9:19:57 PM
Subject: RE: Continental Refining Company - One Month Extension to Benzene Hardship

Thank you, Byron.

We will follow up with additional information responsive to the issues you raise below.

Best,

Alix

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Subject: Continental Refining Company - One Month Extension to Benzene Hardship

Alix,

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Best regards,

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January 8, 2015

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Mr. Kristopher Gibson
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Dear Mr. Gibson,

I am writing to inform you that with this letter the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has extended the period of our previously approved benzene hardship relief for Continental Refining Company by one calendar month.

Our gasoline benzene program includes provisions allowing refiners to seek temporary relief from the benzene standards based on a showing of unusual circumstances that impose extreme hardship and significantly affect the refinery's ability to comply by the required date, as well as other factors. A refiner applying for hardship relief must also demonstrate that it has made its best efforts to comply with the requirements. Continental was granted hardship relief under 40 CFR 80.1335 on September 18, 2012 for a period that ended on December 31, 2014. On September 10, 2014 Continental submitted a request to modify the compliance plan and to further extend the compliance deadlines. This request was supplemented by the November 11, 2014 financial addendum supporting Continental's request.

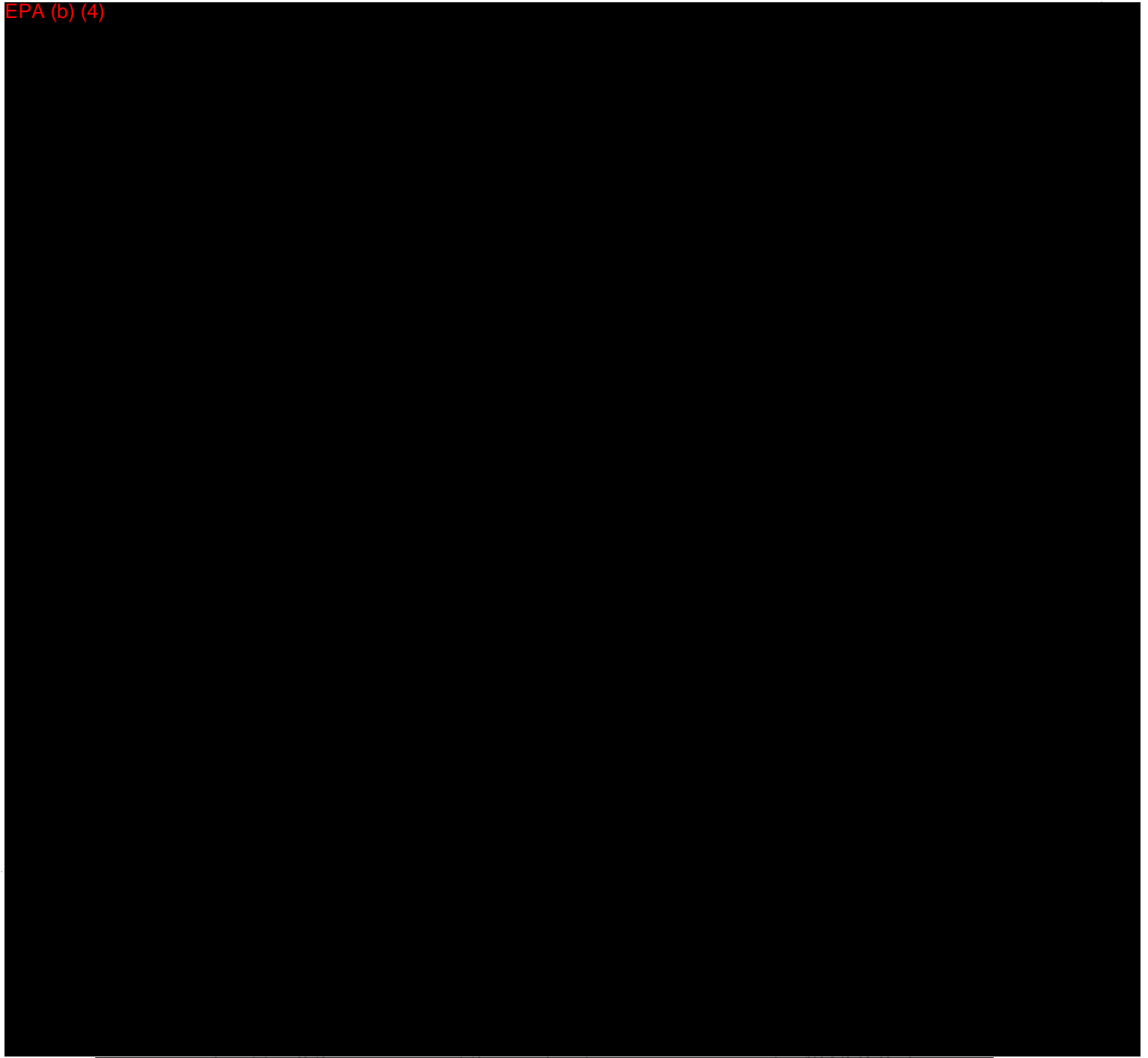
Your request for modification is still under review by EPA. While we continue our review, we are extending by one calendar month the period of your relief described in "Compliance Plan for Gasoline Benzene Hardship Waiver for the Continental Refining Company, LLC Refinery Located in Somerset, Kentucky" (Compliance Plan). This extension replaces the January 1, 2015 deadline with February 1, 2015 and replaces the December 31, 2014 deadline with January 31, 2015. Continental will be fully subject to all requirements of the gasoline benzene program under 40 CFR Part 80, Subpart L, except where specifically provided otherwise in the Compliance Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact John Weihrauch of my staff at (202) 343-9477.


Sincerely,


Christopher Grundler, Director
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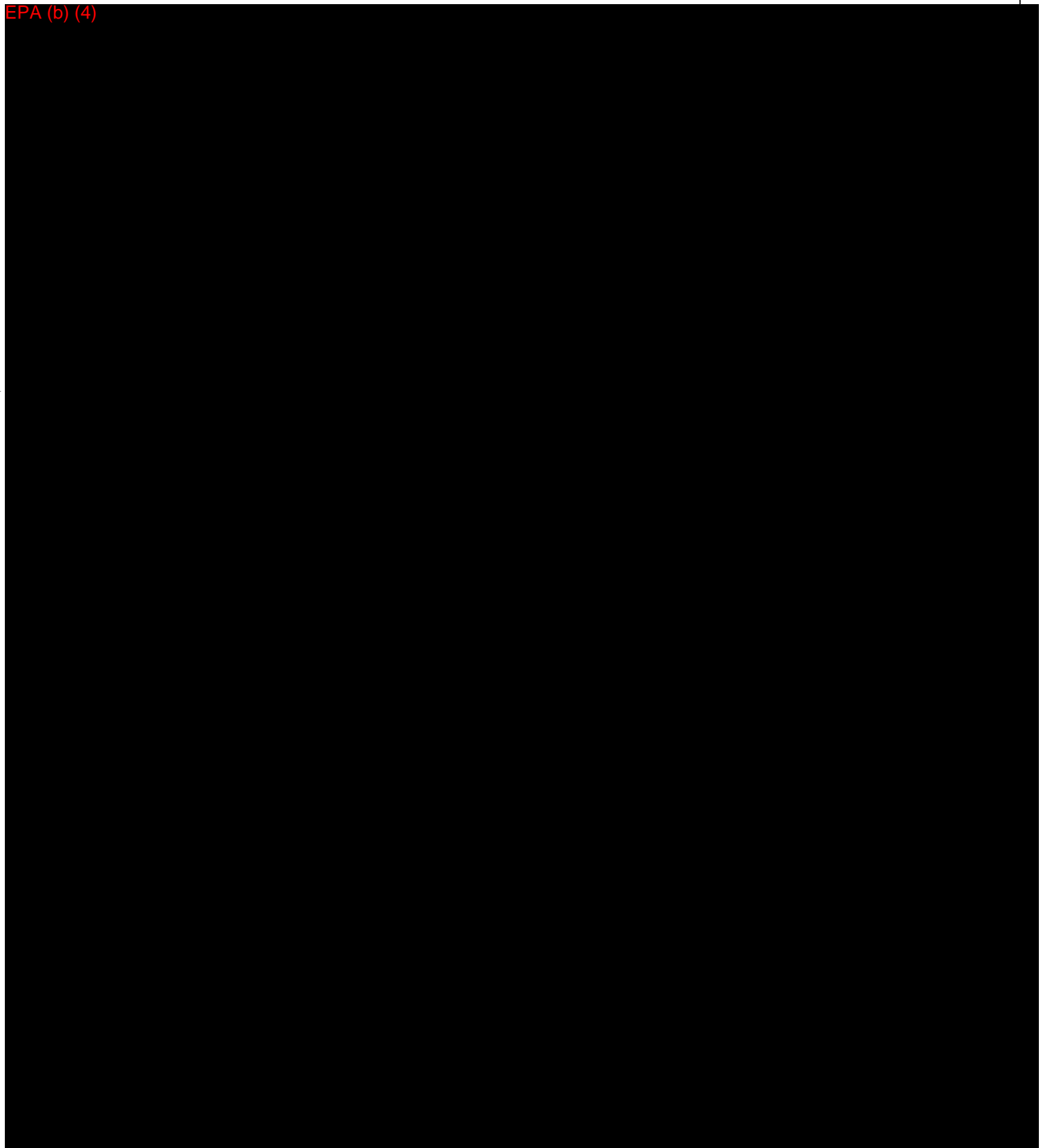
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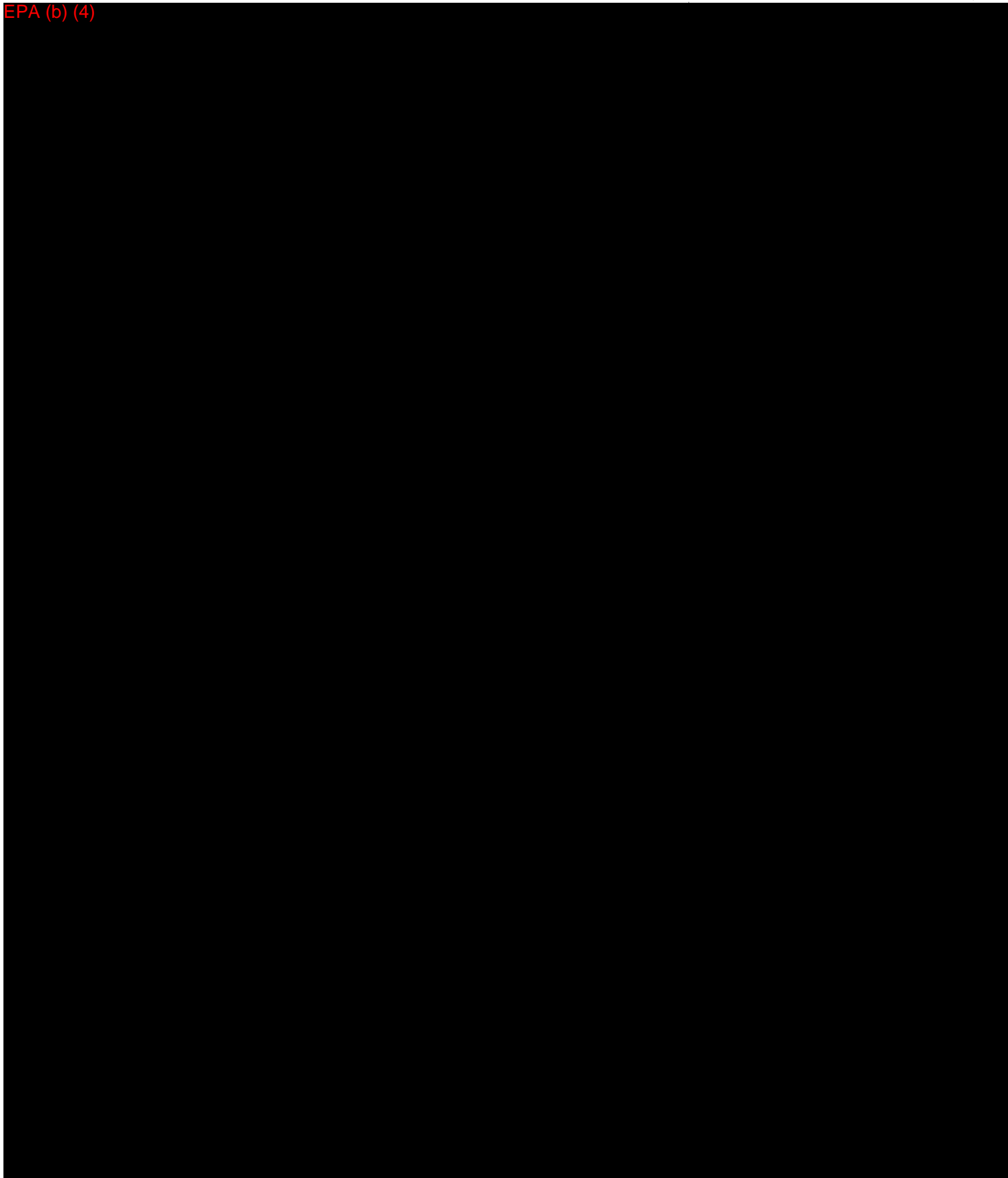
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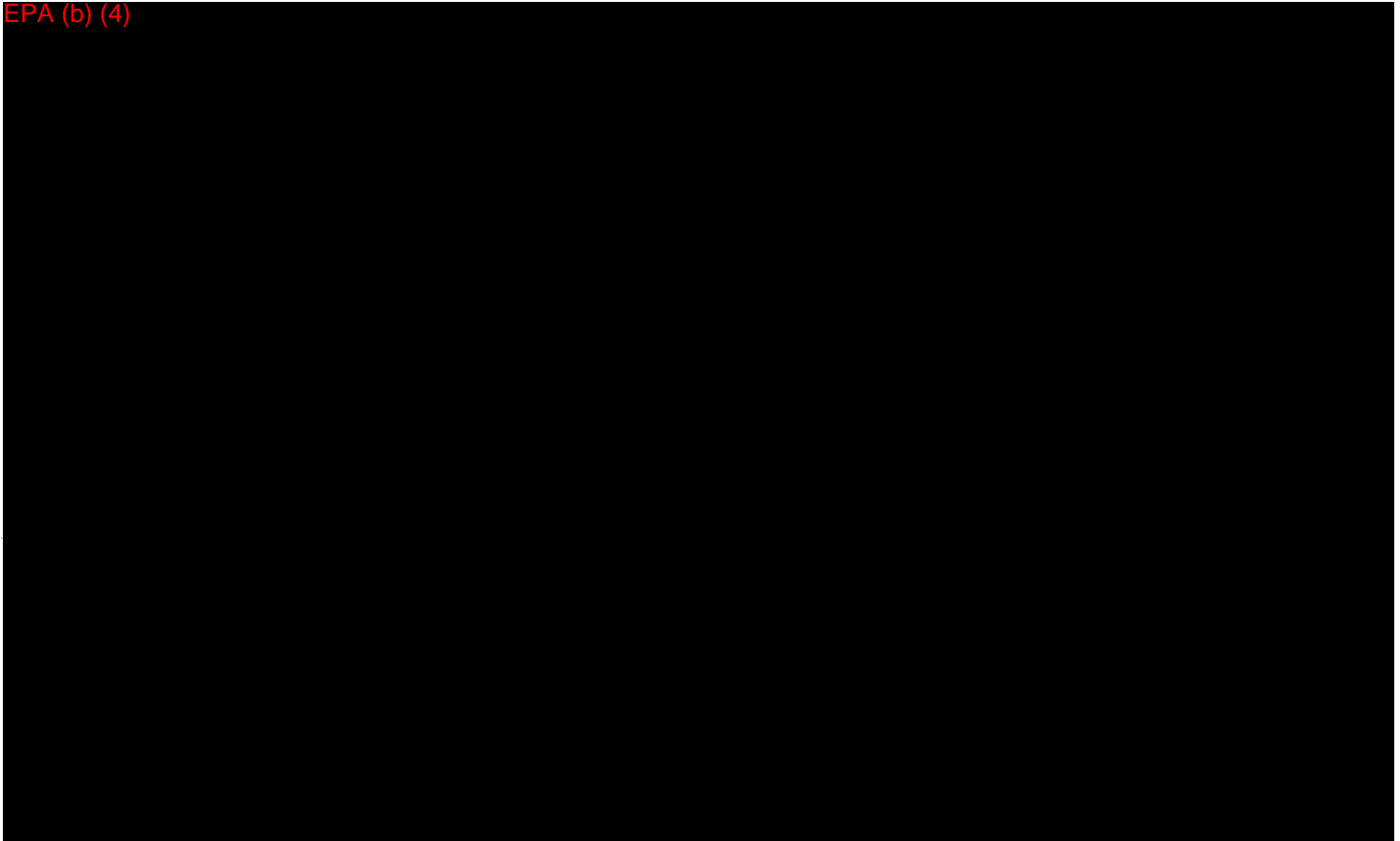
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From: Kirsten Skala
Sent: Thur 1/8/2015 2:23:11 PM
Subject: RE: Invite to Speak at NBB Annual Conference

Hi Paul,

Here are details for the conference.

Please register as a speaker with the code NBBSpeak2015. The site is here:
<https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1587403>. This will comp your registration.

Hotel information is here: <http://www.biodieselconference.org/2015/HOTEL/lodging.aspx>.

Hotel rooms are filling up quickly so it would best to take care of your accommodations asap.

Please let me know if you need any assistance with this.

Regards,

Kirsten

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That helps. Thanks.

Looks like I'll be trying to get my plans for travel made over the next couple days.

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Thank you.

Our Membership and audience has a keen interest in what is expected from EPA in 2015.

I think we all understand that a rule is not going to be announced in the next couple of weeks, but folks would like to hear directly from EPA about its plans for the RFS and other biofuel related programs for 2015.

You will likely get questions about the process you are going through, the impact of OMB's oversight on the RFS and EPAs outlook for rules relating to 2015 and 2016.

Our Membership respects your insights and candor and after hearing from you and EPA directly generally feel a little bit better about their own future.

I hope this helps. If you need anything else then please let me know.

And Happy New Year to you too.

Thank you

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Happy New Year.

Thank you for the invitation. I'd love to participate again this year. I'll run this up my chain and see if I can garner support for my attendance. I'll get back with you as soon as I can. If you do have any additional details on the session, please let me know. It may prove helpful in my quest.

Hope all is well and the new year is starting off well.

Take care, Paul

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Paul,

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Thank you.

Our Membership and audience has a keen interest in what is expected from EPA in 2015.

I think we all understand that a rule is not going to be announced in the next couple of weeks, but folks would like to hear directly from EPA about its plans for the RFS and other biofuel related programs for 2015.

You will likely get questions about the process you are going through, the impact of OMB's oversight on the RFS and EPAs outlook for rules relating to 2015 and 2016.

Our Membership respects your insights and candor and after hearing from you and EPA directly generally feel a little bit better about their own future.

I hope this helps. If you need anything else then please let me know.

And Happy New Year to you too.

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Happy New Year.

Thank you for the invitation. I'd love to participate again this year. I'll run this up my chain and see if I can garner support for my attendance. I'll get back with you as soon as I can. If you do have any additional details on the session, please let me know. It may prove helpful in my quest.

Hope all is well and the new year is starting off well.

Take care, Paul

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Regards,

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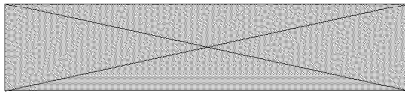
Dear Paul,

As we approach the end of the year, I want to share some reflections on 2014. Even while oil prices go up and down with wild volatility, you are all continuing forward to commercialize biobased process and to discover new ones. There are always failures and bumps in the road when new technologies are being developed and commercialized. We have seen our share in 2014, but at the same time we have seen tremendous successes. Three new commercial scale cellulosic ethanol facilities have come online this year and many new renewable chemicals processes are moving into commercial development. The success in the industrial biotech space is real and growing, not just in the United States but around the world and I expect this trend to continue in 2015.

Please be sure to mark your calendar for the **BIO World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology, which will take place July 19-22, 2015 in Montreal**. This vital industry conference brings together attendees from over 45 countries that are researching, discovering and developing new and transformative processes. *The World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology is the traveling epicenter of the biobased economy and you won't want to miss it in 2015.*

We at BIO wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

Regards,



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